Application Template for Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) §1115 Demonstration Proposal

The State of <u>Arizona, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration</u> (<u>AHCCCSA</u>), proposes a section 1115 demonstration entitled <u>HIFA Phase One</u> which will increase the number of individuals with health insurance coverage.

I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

The demonstration, which is scheduled to begin on November 1, 2001, will provide health insurance coverage to an additional 27,000 residents of the State of Arizona with incomes at or below 100% of the Federal poverty level. The increased coverage will be funded by Arizona's SCHIP allotment and any reallocated funds. However, if the State anticipates that expenditures may exceed the allotment, Arizona will request match for these individuals under the eligibility expansion authorized by the 1115 demonstration that was approved January 18, 2001.

II. DEFINITIONS

Income: In the context of the HIFA demonstration, income limits for coverage expansions are expressed in terms of gross income, excluding sources of income that cannot be counted pursuant to other statutes (such as Agent Orange payments) and income excluded as part of the 1115 demonstration that was approved January 18, 2001.

Mandatory Populations: Refers to those eligibility groups that a State must cover in its Medicaid State Plan, as specified in Section 1902(a)(10) and described at 42 CFR Part 435, Subpart B. For example, States currently must cover children under age 6 and pregnant women up to 133 percent of poverty.

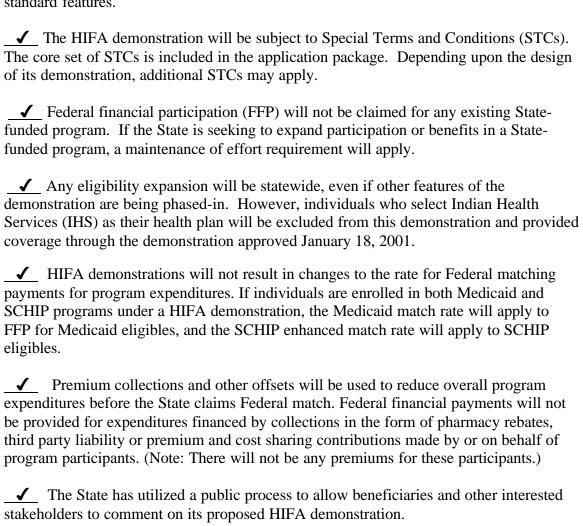
Optional Populations: Refers to eligibility groups that can be covered under a Medicaid or SCHIP State Plan, i.e., those that do not require a section 1115 demonstration to receive coverage and who have incomes above the mandatory population poverty levels. Groups are considered optional if they can be included in the State Plan, regardless of whether they are included. The Medicaid optional groups are described at 42 CFR Part 435, Subpart C. Examples include children covered in Medicaid above the mandatory levels, children covered under SCHIP, and parents covered under Medicaid. For purposes of the HIFA demonstrations, Section 1902(r)(2) and Section 1931 expansions constitute optional populations.

Expansion Populations: Refers to any individuals who cannot be covered in an eligibility group under Title XIX or Title XXI and who can only be covered under Medicaid or SCHIP through the section 1115 waiver authority. Examples include childless non-disabled adults under Medicaid.

Private health insurance coverage: This term refers to both group health plan coverage and health insurance coverage as defined in section 2791 of the Public Health Service Act.

III. HIFA DEMONSTRATION STANDARD FEATURES

Please place a check mark beside each feature to acknowledge agreement with the standard features.



IV. STATE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS

A. Upper income limit

The upper income limit for the eligibility expansion under the demonstration is $\underline{100}$ percent of the FPL.

If the upper income limit is above 200 percent of the FPL, the State will demonstrate that focusing resources on populations below 200 percent of the FPL is unnecessary because the State already has high coverage rates in this income range, and covering individuals above 200 percent of the FPL under the demonstration will not induce individuals with

private health insurance coverage to drop their current coverage. (Please include a detailed description of your approach as Attachment A to the proposal.)

B. Eligibility

Please indicate with check marks which populations you are proposing to include in your HIFA demonstration.

Mandatory Populations	s (as specified in Title XIX.)					
Section	on 1931 Families					
Blind	Blind and Disabled					
Aged						
Pover	rty-related Children and Pregnant Women					
Optional Populations (included in the existing Medicaid State Plan)					
Categorical						
	Children and pregnant women covered in Medicaid above the mandatory level					
	Parents covered under Medicaid					
	Children covered under SCHIP					
	Parents covered under SCHIP					
	Other (please specify)					
Medically Nee	dy					
	TANF Related					
	Blind and Disabled					
	_ Aged					
Title XXI child	ren (Separate SCHIP Program)					
Title XXI pare	nts (Separate SCHIP Program)					

Additional Optional Populations (not included in the existing Medicaid or SCHIP State Plan.) If the demonstration includes optional populations not previously included in the State Plan, the optional eligibility expansion must be statewide in order for the State to include the cost of the expansion in determining the annual budget limit for the demonstration.)

Populations that	can be covered under a Medicaid or SCHIP State Plan
	Children above the income level specified in the State Plan This category will include children frompercent of the FPL throughpercent of the FPL.
	Pregnant women above the income level specified in the State Plan This category will include individuals frompercent of the FPL throughpercent of the FPL.
	Parents above the current level specified in the State Plan This category will include individuals frompercent of the FPL throughpercent of the FPL.
Existing Expansion Popul	lations
	are not defined as an eligibility group under Title XIX or Title XXI, but are g coverage in the State by virtue of an existing section 1115 demonstration.
	Childless Adults (This category will include individuals frompercent of the FPL throughpercent of the FPL.)
	Pregnant Women in SCHIP (This category will include individuals frompercent of the FPL throughpercent of the FPL.)
	Other. Please specify:
	(If additional space is needed, please include a detailed discussion as Attachment B to your proposal and specify the upper income limits.)
New Expansion Population	ons
	are not defined as an eligibility group under Title XIX or Title XXI, and will be a result of the new HIFA demonstration.
<u> </u>	Childless Adults (This category will include individuals from <u>zero</u> percent of the FPL through <u>100</u> percent of the FPL.) <u>However, individuals who select IHS as their health plan will be excluded from this demonstration and provided coverage through the demonstration approved January 18, 2001.</u>
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	Other. Please specify:
	(If additional space is needed, please include a detailed discussion as Attachment B to your proposal and specify the upper income limits.)

C. Elifolii	nent/Expenditur	<u>e Cap</u>
	No	
	Yes	
	nber of participants it of demonstration	The expenditure cap is the SCHIP allotment plus reallocated funds minus the amount spent on SCHIP children minus the amount spent on parents of SCHIP and Medicaid children. Any individual excluded from this demonstration as a result of the cap will receive coverage through the 1115 demonstration that was approved January 18, 2001, which will provide the same benefits through the same delivery system as this demonstration.
(Express dol	lar limit in terms of to	otal computable program costs.)
D. Phase-i	<u>n</u>	
Please indi	icate below wheth	er the demonstration will be implemented at once or phased
✓_	Phase One of th 2001.	e HIFA demonstration will be implemented at once on November 1,
	The HIFA demo	onstration will be phased-in.
		a brief description of the State's phase-in approach
		<u>.</u>
E. Benefit	Package	
		ndicate which benefit packages you are proposing to provide acluded in your HIFA demonstration.
1. Mandato	ory Populations	
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2. Optiona	l populations incl	uded in the existing Medicaid State Plan
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5. Expansion Populations – States have flexibility in designing the benefit package, however, the benefit package must be comprehensive enough to be consistent with the goal of increasing the number of insured persons in the State. The benefit package for this population must include a basic primary care package, which means health care services customarily furnished by or through a general practitioner, family physician, internal medicine physician, obstetrician/gynecologist, or pediatrician. With this definition states have flexibility to tailor the individual definition to adapt to the demonstration intervention and may establish limits on the types of providers and the types of services. Please check the services to be included.

✓_	Inpatient
✓	Outpatient
✓_	Physician's Surgical and Medical Services
✓_	Laboratory and X-ray Services
✓	Pharmacy
✓	Other (please specify) The coverage will be the same as Arizona's Title XIX State Plan acute and behavioral health coverage. See Attachment C.

Please include a detailed description of any Secretary approved coverage or flexible expansion benefit package as Attachment C to your proposal. Please include a discussion of whether different benefit packages will be available to different expansion populations.

F. Coverage Vehicle

Please check the coverage vehicle(s) for all applicable eligibility categories in the chart below (check multiple boxes if more than one coverage vehicle will be used within a category):

Eligibility	Fee-For-	Medicaid or	Private health	Group	Other
Category	Service	SCHIP	insurance	health plan	(specify)
		Managed Care	coverage	coverage	
Mandatory					
Optional –					
Existing					
Optional –					
Expansion					
Title XXI –					
Medicaid					
Expansion					
Title XXI –					
Separate SCHIP					
Existing section					
1115 expansion					
New HIFA		√			
Expansion					

Please include a detailed description of any private health insurance coverage options as Attachment D to your proposal.

G. Private health insurance coverage options

Coordination with private health insurance coverage is an important feature of a HIFA demonstration. One way to achieve this goal is by providing premium assistance or "buying into" employer-sponsored insurance policies. Description of additional activities may be provided in Attachment D to the State's application for a HIFA demonstration. If the State is employing premium assistance, please use the section below to provide details. As part of the demonstration the State will be providing premium assistance for private health insurance coverage under the demonstration. Provide the information below for the relevant demonstration population(s): The State elects to provide the following coverage in its premium assistance program: (Check all applicable, and describe benefits and wraparound arrangements, if applicable, in Attachment D to the proposal if necessary. If the State is offering different arrangements to different populations, please explain in Attachment D.) The same coverage provided under the State's approved Medicaid plan. The same coverage provided under the State's approved SCHIP plan. The benefit package for the health insurance plan that is offered by an HMO, and has the largest commercial, non-Medicaid enrollment in the State. The standard Blue Cross/Blue Shield preferred provider option service benefit plan that is described in, and offered to Federal employees under 5 U.S.C. 8903(1). (Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP)) A health benefits coverage plan that is offered and generally available to State employees. A benefit package that is actuarially equivalent to one of those listed above (please specify). Secretary-Approved coverage. Other coverage defined by the State. (A copy of the benefits description must be included in Attachment D.) The State assures that it will monitor aggregate costs for enrollees in the premium assistance program for private health insurance coverage to ensure that costs are not significantly higher than costs would be for coverage in the direct coverage program. (A description of the Monitoring Plan will be included in Attachment D.) The State assures that it will monitor changes in employer contribution levels or the degree of substitution of coverage and be prepared to make modifications in its premium assistance program. (Description will be included as part of the Monitoring Plan.)

H. Cost Sharing

Please check the cost sharing rules for all applicable eligibility categories in the chart below:

Eligibility Category	Nominal Amounts Per Regulation	Up to 5 Percent of Family Income	State Defined
Mandatory			
Optional – Existing (Children)			
Optional – Existing (Adults)			
Optional – Expansion (Children)			
Optional _ Expansion (Adults)			
Title XXI – Medicaid Expansion			
Title XXI – Separate SCHIP			
Existing section 1115 Expansion			
New HIFA Expansion			✓ (Copays only; see Attachment E)

Cost-sharing for children

Only those cost-sharing amounts that can be attributed directly to the child (i.e. copayments for the child's physician visits or prescription drugs) must be counted against the cap of up to five percent of family income. Cost-sharing amounts that are assessed to a family group that includes adults, such as family premiums, do not need to be counted as 'child cost-sharing' for the purposes of the up to five percent cost-sharing limit. A premium covering only the children in a family must be counted against the cap.

Below, please provide a brief description of the methodology that will be used to monitor child-only cost-sharing expenses when the child is covered as part of the entire family and how those expenses will be limited to up to five percent of the family's income.

Any State defined cost sharing must be described in Attachment E. In addition, if cost sharing limits will differ for participants in a premium assistance program or other private health insurance coverage option, the limits must be specified in detail in Attachment E to your proposal.

V. Accountability and Monitoring

Please provide information on the following areas:

1. Insurance Coverage

The rate of uninsurance in your State using the 1998 through 2000 Current Population Survey for individuals below 200 percent of poverty and any other groups that will be covered under the demonstration project.

See table on next page

The coverage rates in your State for the insurance categories for individuals below 200 percent of poverty and any other groups that will be covered under the demonstration project:

Private Health Insurance Coverage Under a Group Health Plan

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Other Private Health Insurance Coverage
Medicaid (please separately identify enrollment in any section 1906 or section 1115 premium assistance)
SCHIP (please separately identify any premium assistance)
Medicare
Other Insurance

CPS Data Merge 1998 – 2000 (CYs 1997 – 1999)

		Total P	opulation ¹	Total	Adults ²	A	dult Popu	ulation ³	
		Percent	Estimated Number	Percent	Est. Number	With Kids		Without Kids	
						Percent	Est. Number	Percent	Est. Number
100	ose Less Than 0% FPL ⁴	23.6%	1,152,041	18.8%	631,864	23.3%	290,893	16.1%	340,902
	Of Those Less Than 100% FPL ⁵ :								
	The Percent of Uninsured	51.8%	596,988	46.3%	292,743	50.7%	147,599	42.6%	145,122
	The Percent with Medicaid	22.7%	261,283	14.3%	90,293	15.6%	45,467	13.1%	44,794
	The Percent with Medicare	8.2%	94,237	14.9%	94,148	2.4%	6,836	25.6%	87,305
	The Percent with Private Insurance	20.1%	231,560	31.2%	197,205	32.8%	95,384	29.9%	101,827
	The Percent with Other Insurance	3.6%	41,934	4.2%	26,728	4.0%	11,723	4.4%	15,034
	ose Between 100% 1 200% FPL ⁶	21.2%	1,035,713	20.2%	677,598	22.9%	286,641	18.5%	390,960
	Of Those Between 100% and 200% FPL ⁷ :								
	The Percent of Uninsured	41.3%	427,542	28.7%	194,742	30.5%	87,425	27.5%	107,318
	The Percent with Medicaid	10.3%	106,161	6.4%	43,298	6.6%	18,890	6.2%	24,396
	The Percent with Medicare	16.9%	175,346	25.1%	170,145	4.2%	12,039	40.4%	158,104
	The Percent with Private Insurance	36.6%	378,553	51.6%	349,708	58.2%	166,825	46.8%	182,891
	The Percent with Other Insurance	9.3%	96,632	7.7%	52,243	11.8%	33,881	4.7%	18,375

Total Population (estimated): 4,887,745
Total Adults (estimated): 3,362,768
Total Adults with Kids (estimated): 1,250,615
Total Adults without Kids (estimated): 2,112,155

- ¹ Total Population includes both children and adults
- ² Total Adults is a subset of the Total Population
- ³ Adult Population is a subset of Total Adults, broken out by Adults with Kids and Adults without Kids; The percentages are calculated based on two new population bases:
 - Adults with Kids
 - Adults without Kids
- ⁴ Those Less Than 100% FPL Represents the Following:
 - Total Population Less Than 100% FPL
 - Total Adults Less Than 100% FPL
 - Adult Population subsets Total Adults by Adults with Kids and Adults without Kids
- ⁵ Of Those Less Than 100% FPL: Takes the population that is less than 100% FPL and categorizes it into the following:
 - Uninsured
 - Medicaid
 - Medicare
 - Private Insurance
 - Other Insurance

Please note: The CPS numbers may not equal the CPS numbers on the Those Less Than 100% FPL line because an individual may have more than one type of insurance

- ⁶ Those Between 100% and 200% FPL Represents the Following:
 - Total Population Between 100% and 200% FPL
 - Total Adults Between 100% and 200% FPL
- Adult Population subsets Total Adults by Adults with Kids and Adults without ⁷ Of Those Between 100% and 200% FPL: Takes the population that is Between 100% and 200% FPL and categorizes it into the following:
 - Uninsured
 - Medicaid
 - Medicare
 - Private Insurance
 - Other Insurance

Please note: The CPS numbers may not equal the CPS numbers on the Those Between 100% and 200% FPL line because an individual may have more than one type of insurance

Indicate the data source used to collect the insurance information presented above (the State may use different data sources for different categories of coverage, as appropriate):

 The Current Population Survey
 Other National Survey (please specify)
 State Survey (please specify)
 Administrative records (please specify)
 Other (please specify)

Adjustments were made to the Current Population	Survey or another national survey.
Yes No	
If yes, a description of the adjustments mus	t be included in Attachment F.
A State survey was used.	
YesNo	
If yes, provide further details regarding the important design features in Attachment F.	sample size of the survey and other

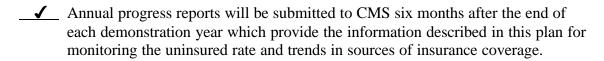
If a State survey is used, it must continue to be administered through the life of the demonstration so that the State will be able to evaluate the impact of the demonstration on coverage using comparable data.

2. State Coverage Goals and State Progress Reports

The goal of the HIFA demonstration is to reduce the uninsured rate. For example, if a State was providing Medicaid coverage to families, a coverage goal could be that the State expects the uninsured rate for families to decrease by 5 percent. Please specify the State's goal for reducing the uninsured rate:

Arizona's goal is to reduce the uninsured rate by 1%

Attachment F must include the State's Plan to track changes in the uninsured rate and trends in sources of insurance as listed above. States should monitor whether there are unintended consequences of the demonstration such as high levels of substitution of private coverage and major decreases in employer contribution levels. (See the attached Special Terms and Conditions.)



States are encouraged to develop performance measures related to issues such as access to care, quality of services provided, preventative care, and enrollee satisfaction. The performance plan must be provided in Attachment F.

VI. PROGRAM COSTS

A requirement of HIFA demonstrations is that they not result in an increase in federal costs compared to costs in the absence of the demonstration. Please submit expenditure data as Attachment G to your proposal. For your convenience, a sample worksheet for submission of base year data is included as part of the application packet.

The base year will be trended forward according to one of the growth rates specified below. Please designate the preferred option:
Medical Care Consumer Price Index, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. (Available at http://stats.bls.gov .) The Medical Care Consumer Price Index will only be offered to States proposing statewide demonstrations under the HIFA initiative. If the State chooses this option, it will not need to submit detailed historical data.
Medicaid-specific growth rate. States choosing this option should submit five years of historical data for the eligibility groups included in the demonstration proposal for assessment by CMS staff, with quantified explanations of trend anomalies. A sample worksheet for submission of this information is included with this application package. The policy for trend rates in HIFA demonstrations is that trend rates are the lower of State specific history or the President's Budget Medicaid baseline for the eligibility groups covered by a State's proposal. This option will lengthen the review time for a State's HIFA proposal because of the data generation and assessment required to establish a State specific trend factor.
The State estimates the cost of this program will be \$125 million in Title XXI funds over its five year approval period. However, if the State anticipates that expenditures may exceed the allotment, Arizona will request match for these individuals under the 1115 demonstration budget neutrality that was approved January 18, 2001
VII. WAIVERS AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY REQUESTED
A. Waivers
The following waivers are requested pursuant to the authority of section 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (Please check all applicable):
Title XIX:
Statewideness 1902(a)(1)
To enable the State to phase in the operation of the demonstration.
Amount, Duration, and Scope 1902(a)(10)(B)
To permit the provision of different benefit packages to different populations in the demonstration. Benefits (i.e., amount, duration and scope) may vary by individual based on eligibility category.
Freedom of Choice 1902(a)(23) To enable the State to restrict the choice of provider.
Title XXI:

Benefit Package Requirements 2103			
To permit the State to offer a benefit package that does not meet the requirements of section 2103.			
Cost Sharing Requirements 2103(e)			
To permit the State to impose cost sharing in excess of statutory limits.			
B. Expenditure Authority			
Expenditure authority is requested under Section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act to allow the following expenditures (which are not otherwise included as expenditures under Section 1903 or Section 2105) to be regarded as expenditures under the State's Title XIX or Title XXI plan.			
Expenditures to provide services to populations not otherwise eligible to be covered under the Medicaid State Plan.			
Expenditures related to providing months of guaranteed eligibility to demonstration participants.			
Expenditures related to coverage of individuals for whom cost-sharing rules not otherwise allowable in the Medicaid program apply.			
Title XXI:			
✓ Expenditures to provide services to populations not otherwise eligible under a State child health plan.			
Expenditures related to providing <u>an initial twelve</u> months of guaranteed eligibility to demonstration participants.			
Expenditures that would not be payable because of the operation of the limitations at 2105(c)(2) because they are not for targeted low-income children.			
If additional waivers or expenditure authority are desired, please include a detailed request and justification as Attachment H to the proposal.			
VIII. ATTACHMENTS			

Place check marks beside the attachments you are including with your application.

	Attachment A: Discussion of how the State will ensure that covering individual above 200 percent of poverty under the waiver will not induce individuals with private health insurance coverage to drop their current coverage.				
	Attachment B: Detailed description of expansion populations included in the demonstration.				
√	✓ Attachment C: Benefit package description.				
	Attachment D: Detailed description of private health insurance coverage options including premium assistance if applicable.				
_ ✓	Attachment E: Detailed discussion of cost sharing limits.				
√	Attachment F: Additional detail regarding measuring progress toward reducing the rate of uninsurance.				
✓	✓ Attachment G: Budget worksheets.				
	Attachment H: Additional waivers or expenditure authority request and justification.				
IX. SI	GNATURE				
Date	Name of Authorizing State Official (Typed)				
	Signature of Authorizing State Official				

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Attachment C Benefit Package

	Inpatient General Hospital Services		
	Physician and Primary Care Physician and Practitioner Services		
	Organ and Tissue Transplantation Services		
	Dental Services		
	Laboratory, Radiology, and Medical Imaging Services		
	Pharmaceutical Services		
	Emergency Medical Services		
	Transportation Services (Emergency and non-emergency)		
	Medical Supplies, Durable Equipment, and Orthotic and Prosthetic Devices		
	Health Risk Assessment and Screening Services		
Other Medical Professional Services (dialysis, family planning service			
	certified nurse midwife services, podiatry services, respiratory therapy,		
	ambulatory and outpatient surgery facilities services, home health services,		
	private duty nursing services, rehabilitation services, total parenteral		
	nutritional services, chemotherapy, and hospice)		
	Nursing Facility Services (90 days per contract year as alternative to		
	hospitalization)		
	Behavioral Health Services (inpatient services, partial care, outpatient		
	services, emergency services, and case management)		

Attachment E Cost Sharing Limits

COPAYMENT SCHEDULE				
Health plans are responsible for the collection of copayments from members. The				
following services are excluded from copayments:				
 Prenatal care including all obstetrical visits EPSDT care Family planning services Services provided to members residing in a nursing facility Prescription drugs and medications Visits scheduled by the PCP or practitioner, which are not requested by the member 				
COVERED SERVICES	COPAYMENT			
Doctor's office or home visit and all	\$1.00 per visit			
diagnostic and rehabilitative x-ray and				
laboratory services associated with the visit				

\$5.00 per procedure

\$5.00 per visit

Non emergency surgery

Non emergency use of the emergency room

Attachment F

Additional Detail Regarding Measuring Progress Toward Reducing the Rate of Uninsurance

AHCCCS used CPS data to determine the coverage rates provided in Section V. Adjustments made to the data include:

- 1. The redefinition of "family" to meet AHCCCS eligibility requirements as opposed to the CPS which uses the Census definition. Census defines a family as a group of two or more people related by birth, marriage, or adoption as one family. For example, for Medicaid and this waiver, in a situation where a married couple are living with their parents, AHCCCS defines the son and the wife as one family separate from the parents.
- 2. The HHS poverty guidelines were used to determine poverty level rather than the Census Bureau poverty thresholds used in the CPS
- 3. Three years of CPS data were pooled, excluding re-interviews, rather than taking the average of three years of CPS estimates.
- 4. AHCCCS defines children as those 18 years of age and/or 19 and still in school. Census defines everyone less than or equal to 17 as a child.
- 5. AHCCCS provides for a \$90 earned income credit, Census does not.
- 6. Census excludes secondary individuals who are less than or equal to 15 (foster children). AHCCCS includes this population.

AHCCCS will track changes in the uninsured rate and trends in the source of coverage using unadjusted CPS data. As part of the first report to CMS AHCCCS will establish a baseline using unadjusted CPS data

In addition, AHCCCS will measure performance related to access to care, quality of services, preventive care, and enrollment satisfaction. With the support of CMS, AHCCCS began a major Quality Improvement Initiative in 1995. The health plans and members participating in this demonstration will be included in this initiative, but there will not be separate reports for this group. The major components of the initiative are quality indicators, financial indicators, member satisfaction surveys, and provider satisfaction surveys. The quality indicators were defined using HEDIS 3.0 as a guide and include acute care utilization reports and behavioral health indicators. The member and provider satisfaction surveys provide valuable information on access to care, communication between members and providers, and member and provider perception regarding quality of care.

Reducing the Number of Uninsured Children and Adults

The state plans to reduce the uninsured rate by 5% by year 2003 for childless adults. As of the merged CPS sample for 1998 to 2000, the uninsured rate for childless adults under 100% of the FPL was 42.6%.

The state plans to reduce the uninsured rate by 5% by year 2005 for parents of Medicaid and SCHIP children. As of the merged CPS sample for 1998 to 2000, the uninsured rate for parents 100-200% FPL was 30.5%.

The state plans to reduce the uninsured rate for children eligible for SCHIP by approximately 35-40% by July 1, 2003. The merged CPS sample for 1998 to 2000 for uninsured children between 100% to 200% of the FPL was 19% of the total population. The HIFA Amendment that enables the state to begin covering adults as of October 1, 2002 should enable the state to reduce the number of uninsured children by another 1-2%.

As a result of the HIFA amendment, the State overall uninsured rate, which is 22.3% as of the merged CPS sample for 1998 to 2000, will decrease by 1% by year 2005.

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